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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of ex under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b) NOTICE OF APPEAL	tension and the corresponding amount shortened statutory period for reply orig than three months after the mailing da	of the fee. The appropri inally set in the final Offi	ate extension fee ce action; or (2) as
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3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection,  (a) They raise new issues that would require further co  (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE belo  (c) They are not deemed to place the application in belonger.	nsideration and/or search (see NO w);	TE below);	
appeal; and/or (d) They present additional claims without canceling a NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 CFR 1.1	corresponding number of finally rej 16 and 41.33(a)).	ected claims.	
<ul> <li>4.  The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.1.</li> <li>5.  Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s)</li> <li>6.  Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be all</li> </ul>	:	•	
non-allowable claim(s).  7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) how the new or amended claims would be rejected is protected to the status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:  Claim(s) allowed:  Claim(s) objected to:  Claim(s) rejected: 1,2 and 4-18.  Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 20-25.		II be entered and an e	explanation of
AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE			
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10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanatio	n of the status of the claims after e	ntry is below or attach	ned.
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER  11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but	t does NOT place the application i	n condition for allowar	nce because:
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s).  13. ☐ Other: See Continuation Sheet.		HOBIN ANYLTON	

Continuation of 3. NOTE: The proposed amendment to claim 1 raises new issues with respect to the dependent claims and does not clearly place the application in condition for allowance.

Continuation of 13. Other: See PTO-892 for references which teach screw threads and snap-fit engagements are structurally equivalent .